

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
WEEKLY FILINGS  
For the Period of March 8, 2007 through March 14, 2007**

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL07-008      In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of  
Tariff Revisions.**

Application by Otter Tail Power Company for approval to revise its tariffed Summary of Contracts with Deviations. The existing contract with the City of Rosholt expired on January 11, 2007. Otter Tail states the new agreement does not contain any deviations from Otter Tail's currently filed tariff and therefore requests that reference to a contract with the City of Rosholt be removed from the Summary of Contracts with Deviations.

Staff Analysts: Nathan Solem/Bob Knadle  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 03/12/07  
Intervention Deadline: 03/30/07

**EL07-009      In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Tariff  
Revisions.**

Application by Black Hills Power Inc. for approval to modify its tariffs affected by the trial change in Daylight Savings Time mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Black Hills is seeking expedited approval to modify the time periods referenced in the attached tariffs to the current meter programming during the evaluation of the modified Daylight Savings Time. This will avoid potentially duplicative costs from reprogramming the meters for this temporary change and then reprogramming a second time based upon the results of the trial Daylight Savings Time modification.

Staff Analysts: Brian Rounds/Dave Jacobson  
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**NATURAL GAS**

**NG07-002      In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of  
its 2006 Economic Development Report and its 2007 Economic  
Development Plan.**

On March 9, 2007, as part of the Decision and Order approving Settlement Stipulation in NG01-010, MidAmerican Energy Company filed its 2006 economic development report and its proposed 2007 economic development budget for Commission approval.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Kara Van Bockern

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**NG07-003      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Great Plains Ethanol.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between Great Plains Ethanol, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was dated September 2, 2002, with a term of 15 years beginning at plant start up. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-004      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with James Valley Ethanol.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between James Valley Ethanol, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was dated October 28, 2002, with a term of 15 years beginning at plant start up. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-005      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Redfield Energy LLC.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between Redfield Energy, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was

dated July 19, 2006, with a term of 15 years beginning at plant start up. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-006      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with South Dakota Soybean Processors.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between South Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was dated September 24, 2003, and will be effective until October 31, 2013. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-007      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Sioux River Ethanol Plant.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between Sioux River Ethanol, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was dated July 11, 2003, with a term of 15 years beginning at plant start up. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-008      In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with VeraSun Energy Corporation.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of contract with deviation and associated tariff revisions. NorthWestern is proposing to adopt the contract that was in effect between Verasun Energy Corporation, LLC and NorthWestern Services Group. The rate that is currently contracted between the customer and NorthWestern will not change. The original contract was dated October 23, 2002, with a term of 15 years beginning at plant start up. Over the past year, Northwestern has evaluated its non-regulated businesses and has looked at the strategic value of each entity versus the resources that are dedicated to these business units. After a thorough evaluation of the non-regulated gas business in SD/NE, it has been decided by the Northwestern Services, LLC management committee to execute a strategy to shift the majority of this business (Nekota Resources, LLC) into the regulated utility and look at alternatives to divest the rest of this business.

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**NG07-009      In the Matter of the Request of NorthWestern Energy to Establish Deferral of Former Nekota Pipeline Gas Costs.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for Deferral of Certain Costs currently being charged through the Purchased Gas Adjustment. The reason for the proposed change is the fact the Nekota Assets have been merged into the Utility. As the pipelines would now be included in rates as rate base of the regulated utility, Nekota is no longer able to bill the Utility for the costs of the pipeline. Although the costs are a normal course of business, NorthWestern is not able to collect the costs through the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) as they are no longer third-party costs. Due to the timing of this change in relation to the next rate case, NorthWestern requests to set up a deferral account to later recover the costs from customers.

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC07-015      In the Matter of Filing by OrbitCom, Inc. f/k/a VP Telecom for Approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.**

On March 12, 2007, OrbitCom, Inc. (OrbitCom) filed textual revisions to its Switched Access Services tariff. OrbitCom is requesting to modify the Jurisdiction Reporting and Disputed Bills subsections.

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